
FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: July 31, 2017
TO: Rick Maglione / Chief of Police
FROM: Douglas MacDougall / Assistant Chief – Operations Bureau *DM*
SUBJECT: Internal Affairs Case No. 17-033 - Police Officer Carl Hannold Jr. (CCN 1190)

After careful review of the evidence and testimony in the above captioned investigation, I concur with the findings of Acting Major Dana Swisher that the allegations Officer Carl Hannold violated the following Fort Lauderdale Police Department policies are **sustained**:

129.1 E (c) 2 "*Speech involving themselves or other Department personnel reflecting behavior that would reasonably be considered reckless and irresponsible.*"

118. E 12(j) "*Conduct prejudicial disruptive to the good order of the Department.*"

It is my recommendation that a one day (8 hours) suspension be issued to Officer Carl Hannold for the aforementioned sustained Department policy violations.

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*Concur
Rick Maglione
7.31.17*

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DATE: July 17, 2017
TO: Rick Maglione, Chief of Police
FROM: Acting Major Dana Swisher / Office of Internal Affairs *DS 1354*
SUBJECT: Internal Affairs Case No. 17-033
Officer Carl Hannold Jr. (CCN 1190)

After careful review of the evidence and testimony in the captioned investigation, I have determined the charges against Officer Carl Hannold for violation of Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Social Media policy 129.1 E (c) 2, "*Speech involving themselves or other Department personnel reflecting behavior that would reasonably be considered reckless and irresponsible,*" and Fort Lauderdale Police Department's policy 118.E.12(j), "*Conduct prejudicial disruptive to the good order of the Department,*" are both **sustained**.

On March 29, 2017, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received an anonymous envelope postmarked from Denver, Colorado. The envelope contained three photocopies of Facebook screen shots and an anonymous letter from a concerned citizen. The Facebook posts were from Officer Carl Hannold Jr's page and referenced two separate events. The language used by Officer Hannold could reasonably be interpreted as violent and likely prompted the sender to include a hand-written note which described it as "not only disturbing but extremely concerning." The sender failed to identify themselves or indicate how they came across the posts, but pleaded for the Department to "address this matter accordingly." The investigation established anyone following Officer Carl Hannold Jr on Facebook was aware of his employment at the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. In several prior postings, Officer Hannold was observed wearing clothing and badges which identified him as an employee with the police department.

The first posting was from January of 2017 and surrounded Officer Hannold's personal trip to Universal Studios in Orlando. In the posting, he described his interaction with security staff after being advised his *Monkey Fist* key chain (considered a weapon) was not allowed inside the park gates and would have to be discarded or secured inside his vehicle. Officer Hannold secured the item in his vehicle and upon return, claimed to have educated the security staff on the various weapons he could freely access throughout the park. He wrote the first weapon was a pen, which he demonstrated by snatching it from the security officer's shirt pocket, and pointed a half inch from the guard's eye. He continued to detail how he could access the food service areas throughout the park and obtain a knife to arm himself. Finally he claimed, "If I wanted a gun, I would just walk up and kill the first cop I see and take his gun." He finished his post by claiming, "I probably will have a security team watching me the rest of the day! LOL."

Officer Hannold claimed the entire discussion with security was hypothetical in nature and maintained the conversation was welcomed, educational and friendly on both sides.

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Unfortunately, the Facebook post did not elaborate on the incident as much as his sworn statement to Internal Affairs and likely was the catalyst for the concerned citizen to alert the Department. In fact, Officer Hannold himself testified, "I can see how it would be easy to take out of context," (Page 4 lines 142-143). Ultimately, Officer Hannold was allowed to enter the park which gave credence to his narrative the interaction was non-confrontational. Officer Hannold testified he did not mean harm to anyone, including police officers, and insisted everyone on his Facebook page were clear in what he meant by the post.

In the Universal Studio posting, Officer Hannold's expressions did not involve a matter of public concern and contained a propensity to negatively affect the efficiency and reputation of the Police Department in the eyes of the public. His public comments suggesting the killing of a police officer to facilitate the procurement of a firearm could be perceived as both alarming and reckless to any reasonable person. Although he testified to the context of his post, there was no evidence to suggest Officer Hannold attempted to clarify the likely misconceptions or remove the post from Facebook.

The second Facebook post involved Officer Hannold's personal rant about a planned protest which blocked traffic on his way to an off-duty detail. Officer Hannold used Facebook to publicly criticize the decision to allow a protest to impede traffic and claimed, "Those ridiculous decisions are made way above my pay grade." Although Officer Hannold did not testify to a specific person in his command, he did state the person making these decisions could be a police officer or civilian within the City. He even went as far as to encourage effected business owners to collaborate and bring forth law suits against the City for lost revenue.

Officer Hannold demonstrated poor judgement in his decision to post disturbing material on Facebook. The Department's need to promote efficiency in police services, maintain the good working order of the police department and foster support from the public outweighed Officer Hannold's interest under the First Amendment to publicly air his grievances.

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Complainant: Chief Rick Maglione Telephone: 954.828.5700

Address: 1300 West Broward Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

Location of Occurrence: World Wide Web

Date of Occurrence: Unknown Date Reported: March 29, 2017

Personnel: Officer Carl Hannold CCN: 1190 Assignment: Operations-Patrol

Personnel: N/A

Report Number(s): N/A Case Category: 1

Allegation(s): Violation of Fort Lauderdale Police Department policies:


Officer Carl Hannold (CCN 1190):


1) 118.E.12(j); "Conduct prejudicial to the good order of the Department."

Sustained ☒ Not sustained ☐ Exonerated ☐ Unfounded ☐

2) 129.1 E (c) 2 "Speech involving themselves or other Department personnel reflecting behavior that would reasonably be considered reckless and irresponsible."

Sustained ☒ Not sustained ☐ Exonerated ☐ Unfounded ☐

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Investigated by:
SERGEANT NICK COFFIN(1403)


Reviewed by:
A/MAJOR DANA SWISHER (CCN 1354)

STAFF REVIEW: I **concur** with the Internal Affairs finding:

Police Chief  Date 7/30/17

Assistant Chief  Date 7/12/17

I **do not concur** with the Internal Affairs finding. Attached is a separate memo with my recommendation(s)

Date _____

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SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

On March 29, 2017, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received an envelope in the mail from a concerned citizen who failed to identify themselves. The envelope contained paper photographs of three separate posts from a Facebook account in the name of Carl D. Hannold Jr. Also enclosed was a handwritten note which read; *"These posts are not only disturbing but extremely concerning. I will hope that your agency addresses this matter accordingly"*. This matter was forwarded to the Office of Internal Affairs for further investigation.

FACTS OF THE INVESTIGATION

On March 29, 2017, The Fort Lauderdale Police Department received an envelope in the mail postmarked from Denver, Colorado with no name listed in the return section. The envelope contained photocopies of three screen shots, and an anonymous letter from a concerned citizen. The photographs captured three social media posts from an account in the name of Carl D. Hannold Jr.

In one of the posts, Officer Hannold referenced an incident between himself and members of Universal Studios Security. At the bottom of the post, Officer Hannold was seen posing for a photo inside Islands of Adventure Amusement Park in Orlando. Officer Hannold later testified this post was made sometime in January 2017. The post states:

"So Universal Security made me walk back to my jeep, because of my Monkey Fist key chain. When I returned to the same security line the guys jokingly asked if I had any other strings or anything on me. So I told him that if I wanted him dead I would just kill him with his own pen. His buddy asked how you would do that, so I snatched his pen from his pocket and put it a half inch from his eye. I handed the pen back and said "just like that". Then I told them that if I wanted a knife, I could get one at any of the food services areas in the kitchen. And if I wanted a gun, I would just walk up and kill the first cop I see, and take his gun. Their eyes got real big, but I told them that of course I was speaking hypothetically. I probably will have a security team watching me the rest of the day! Lol"

On April 18, 2017, Universal Studios Security was contacted in an attempt to verify if this interaction between Officer Hannold and their security ever occurred. Universal Studios Senior Manager of Operations, Jon Viola, conducted multiple searches of the database using various spellings of Officer Hannold's name. The Universal Studios Security database did not document any incidents involving Officer Hannold and members of their staff.

On April 25, 2017, Officer Hannold provided a sworn statement in which he claimed the described post did occur, however, the interaction was purely hypothetical and instructional in nature. According to Officer Hannold, the conversation was pleasant and non-confrontational. Officer Hannold offered the fact he was let in the park as proof it was not adversarial. Officer Hannold was asked if posting about killing a Police Officer was an appropriate action. Officer Hannold alleged everyone who followed his

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Facebook account knew it was hypothetical. However, Officer Hannold conceded his post, although intended to be private, could be copied and reposted on the internet without his control.

The second screenshot was a partial conversation between Officer Hannold, Mr. Tony Magnanti and an unknown third person. Mr. Magnanti was a former Fort Lauderdale Police Detective and current Boynton Beach Police Captain. Below is what was captured in the photograph:

Unknown third party: *Troublemaker*

Tony Magnanti: *Time to check out that good time EAP stuff brother.*

Carl D. Hannold Jr.: *Sometimes violence is the answer!*

Tony Magnanti: *Violence has solved every..."*

Although this was only a partial conversation, Officer Hannold later testified it was connected to his Facebook post about Universal Studios. In the conversation, Mr. Magnanti referred to EAP, which is commonly known as the Employment Assistance Program. In Mr. Magnanti's sworn statement to the Office of Internal Affairs he could not recall what the topic of conversation was about, but was certain the conversation was innocuous back and forth. Additionally, Officer Hannold explained his comment was more of a quip when he replied: "sometimes violence is the answer." He claimed the response was taken out of context and was a common quote used in the military.

The final screen shot depicted a time stamp of "March 3 at 21:06," and read:

"So it took me forever to get from the PD to Beach Place, due to the condoned lawlessness of protesters blocking Broward Blvd and US1. What a disservice to the tax paying businesses, residents and visitors! I've got people asking me why we allow this illegal activity. I'm embarrassed and can only apologize that those ridiculous decisions are made way above my pay grade. All the businesses should get together and file suit for loss revenues!"

Officer Hannold recounted he was frustrated that day after being delayed by the protest and went on his social media page to vent his frustrations to his friends when he arrived at his off-duty detail. He claimed the comments were ambiguous and not directed towards the Fort Lauderdale Police Department or any of its members. Officer Hannold alleged the comment, "above my pay grade", was not referring to anyone specifically in his chain of command. Officer Hannold acknowledged he would not have made the same comments to the public in uniform, but agreed his social media account easily identified himself as Fort Lauderdale Police Officer.

Due to the concerning content of the social media posts, Officer Hannold was scheduled for a fitness for duty examination with Dr. Dennis Day, on March 30, 2017. He was relieved of duty with pay until April 3, 2017, when he was cleared to return to full duty.

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Statements

Retired Fort Lauderdale Detective Anthony Magnanti

On April 20, 2017, Anthony Magnanti provided a sworn statement to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Office of Internal Affairs regarding a social media conversation he had with Officer Hannold. Mr. Magnanti resigned from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department many years ago and currently works for the Boynton Beach Police Department with an assigned rank of Captain. He was provided with the partial Facebook posting; however, he did not recall what the topic of conversation was. He proactively researched his social media account history going back several years and could not recover the conversation between him and Officer Hannold. Mr. Magnanti maintained if he felt the conversation was serious and not a joke, he would have personally contacted the Fort Lauderdale Chief of Police to voice his concerns.

Officer Carl Hannold – Accused Officer

On April 25, 2017, Officer Carl Hannold provided a sworn statement to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Office of Internal Affairs. He was asked about the social media post between him and Mr. Magnanti. He recalled it was about his Universal Studios post and claimed the comment, "sometimes violence is the answer," was a joke and taken out of context. He further explained it was a military term and a quote from a company he conducts business with outside of work.

He stated the Universal Studios post was about an interaction he had with two members of their security personnel in January of 2017. Officer Hannold alleged, "It was a nice conversation," (Page 4 Line 159) and maintained, "It was a hypothetical and it was an instructional thing" (Page 5 Line 196-197).

When the conversation was over, according to Officer Hannold, the security officers thanked him for his service and shook his hand. He reciprocated the comment and gesture before entering the park.

In regards to the third post, Officer Hannold was working a detail on Fort Lauderdale Beach on March 3, 2017. On his way to the detail, he experienced traffic delays due to a large protest blocking the intersection of Broward Boulevard and Federal Highway. To vent his frustrations, he posted a comment on social media which he intended to be a private rant to friends, many of whom are Fort Lauderdale Police Department employees. His comments were, by his own admission, ambiguous and not specifically related to any person or decisions being made by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. However, he did concede he would never vocalize the contents of his post to a citizen while in uniform or an open forum such as an HOA meeting (page 12 lines 504-512).

Officer Hannold maintained his personal social media account was set to private in January of 2017 and not open to public view. According to Officer Hannold, he had since changed his account name and removed any pictures of himself in the Fort Lauderdale Police uniform.

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EXHIBITS/EVIDENCE

Screenshots of Officer Hannold's social media post: On March 29, 2017, The Fort Lauderdale Police Department received an envelope in the mail from a concerned citizen who failed to identify themselves. The envelope contained what appeared to be pictures of three social media posts from a social media account in the name of Carl D. Hannold Jr.

Hand written note that accompanied the screen shots: On March 29, 2017, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received a letter addressed to the attention of Chief Rick Maglione. The return address portion of the letter listed the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's address. Inside the letter was a handwritten note which expressed concerns over the Facebook postings of Officer Hannold.

Email from Universal Studios Senior Manager of Security Operations: On April 18, 2017, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Office of Internal Affairs received an email from Universal Studios Security. The email was in response to several telephone conversations and a search of Universal Studios security database for the incident described by Officer Hannold. Several attempts to search the database produced negative results.

CONCLUSION

- On March 29, 2017, The Fort Lauderdale Police Department received an anonymous envelope from Denver, Colorado.
- The envelope contained a handwritten letter and three paper copies of Facebook posts. The letter expressed serious concerns over postings made by Officer Carl Hannold Jr. and requested they be handled accordingly.
- The three paper copies depicted snapshots of Facebook posts created by Officer Hannold. Two of them referenced an interaction he had with security staff at Universal studios and the third mentioned displeasure with the City's tolerance of a protest which delayed his drive to an off-duty detail.
- In the Universal Studios post, Officer Hannold was upset he could not enter with a Monkey Fist key chain and advised security he could obtain several weapons from inside the park if he wanted to seriously hurt someone. In, fact, he stated he could get a gun by killing the first police officer he found. He stated the comment was purely hypothetical and later testified everyone who knew him and followed him on Facebook knew he was not being serious.
- Officer Hannold claimed the interaction with Universal Studios did occur, but insisted it was educational and non-confrontational. He stated the security officers were actively involved in the conversation which surrounded one's ability to obtain weapons in any situation.

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- Officer Hannold Jr's post about the protestors blocking the street gave the indication he was displeased with the City and or Police Department's willingness to control the protestors. In fact, he recommended business owners in the area collectively file suit for lost wages. His post also ridiculed the decisions made "above his pay grade" which allowed the road obstruction to take place. Although he never identified whom he was referring to, he later testified it was not directed to anyone in the Police Department.

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Under the penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the information contained within it is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Furthermore I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive the subject of the investigation of any of the rights contained in SS. 112.532 and 112.533 Florida Statutes.

INVESTIGATOR'S SIGNATURE:

CCN:

14103

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Transcribed
statement of:
**Anthony
Magnanti
(Witness)**

INTERVIEW WITH TONY MAGNANTI

Q=Sgt. Coffin

Q1=Sgt. Tony Gnisci

A=Tony Magnanti

Q: Alright. Today's date is April 20th. The time is approximately 12:03. I'm Sergeant Coffin with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Office of Internal Affairs. Also present is Sergeant Tony Gnisci with the Internal Affairs. Uh, this is gonna be a taped statement from, uh, Tony Magnanti, uh, by telephone. Uh, Mr. Magnanti, can you, um, spell your name for the record?

A: Sure. Last name is spelled, M-A-G-N-A-N-T-I. First name is Anthony, A-N-T-H-O-N-Y.

Q: Appreciate that. This will be a sworn statement and I must advise you of making false statement in this matter is violation of Florida State Statute. Do you understand?

A: I do.

Q: As a sergeant with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, I can administer an oath. Will you raise your right hand?

A: Its raised, yeah.

Q: Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothin' but the truth?

A: I do.

Q: Alright. And, uh, please state your name, address, and date of birth. Your address your police department address is fine.

A: Uh, my name is Anthony Magnanti. Uh, address is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Uh, date of birth is 6/20 of '67.

Q: Alright, sir. This interview's in reference to a complaint that was made against Officer Carl Hannold with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. Um, an anonymous individual sent us, uh, what appears to be a screenshot from a

46 social media page and one of the screenshots is a conversation between, uh-
47 what appears to be between you and Officer Hannold. Um, I spoke to you
48 briefly about it yesterday. And just for the record, I'm gonna go ahead and
49 read it into the record. Um, it has your name, Tony Magnanti, "Time to check
50 out that good time EAP stuff, brother." Carl D. Hannold, Jr.'s response,
51 "Sometimes violence is the answer." And then the message is cut off, but a-
52 another reply message from you says, "Violence has solved every," and then
53 the message is cut off. Do you recall this conversation at all?

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55 A: Uh, after we spoke yesterday, I (unintelligible) went back - and I told ya
56 yesterday during our call - and I went back and looked for any sort of posts
57 along that line. I didn't find any. Uh, I don't have a specific recollection of
58 that, um, particular interaction or a timeline of when that may have occurred.

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60 Q: Alright. So you- you don't know, um, on- on, like, what- what topic the
61 conversation was going to where you would have suggested EAP or, ya know,
62 if it was, uh- if it was done as a serious statement or if it was joking or if it
63 was, uh, being sarcastic?

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65 A: No, I- I don't. And I don't even know- as I think about it I don't even know if
66 it was in reference to him particularly or- or whatever the topic may have
67 been.

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69 Q: Okay. Um, if you had any concerns of, uh- of him needing, ya know, extra
70 employee assistance program or- or needing to speak to somebody, or you
71 feared that he was gonna, uh, do something violent at the workplace, would
72 you reach out to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department?

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74 A: Uh, of course I would. I care about him and I care about the people at the Fort
75 Lauderdale PD. I've worked there for years and, uh, I wouldn't wanna see
76 anything bad happen to anyone there. If I had that concern whatsoever I would
77 make contact with, um, probably to Chief (Maglione) himself and let him
78 know what I thought. But on that note, I haven't had direct contact with- with
79 Carl in- over the last 15 years maybe twice.

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81 Q: Okay.

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83 A: But we do have occasional interaction on social media, but that's- that's about
84 it.

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86 Q: And in- and in this particular case whatever this conversation was about, did
87 you reach out to anybody from Fort Lauderdale Police Department?

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89 A: No, I did not.
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91 Q: So then would it be safe to say that you didn't feel, um - although you don't
92 remember the particulars of this conversation, that you don't feel that it rose
93 to, uh- uh, your- you needing to make a precautionary statement to- to
94 anybody from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department?
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96 A: I would (unintelligible). I would go further and say that if I had thought that,
97 not only would I take that action I would reach out directly to him probably as
98 well. And none of that- none of that is (unintelligible). None of that happen,
99 so my feeling is that it was just an innocuous back and forth on social media
100 about- I don't even know if it was related to him. But a general topic.
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102 Q: Okay. And you briefly, uh, touched on in the beginning of this statement that
103 you said you attempted to search your, uh- your history- your social media
104 history to find the conversation between you and- and him, but that was
105 negative. Is that- is that correct?
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107 A: Uh, I did. After we spoke yesterday you had mentioned something about
108 looking back through posts or something along those lines and it said that
109 something was deleted. So, uh, just based on that I- I tried to look back to see
110 if there was something that would kinda spark my memory or actually find the
111 conversation. And I don't- actually I've only seen interactions with him over
112 the last, uh, I think since 2010.
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114 Q: Okay.
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116 A: He showed up. So.
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118 Q: So you- so you went back quite- quite a ways and wasn't- and you were not
119 able to find this conversation?
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121 A: I was not, yes. I- I checked it and I was not able to find it.
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123 Q: Okay. Um, Sargent Gnisci is there anything you'd like to add?
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125 Q1: I have nothing further.
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127 Q: Um, Mr. Magnanti, is there anything you'd like to add?
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129 A: I just, uh, (unintelligible) and I wish everybody well there.
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131 Q: Alright, and we appreciate that.
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133 Q1: Thank you.
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135 Q: This will conclude this interview. It's, uh, approximately 12:08.

INTERVIEW WITH TONY MAGNANTI

Interviewer: Sgt. Coffin

04-20-17/12:03 pm

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138 Reviewed By _____

Transcribed
statement of:
Carl Hannold
(Accused)

INTERVIEW WITH OFF. CARL HANNOLD

Q=Sgt. Nick Coffin

Q1=Sgt. Anthony Gnisci

A=Carl Hannold

A1=FOP Paul Maniates

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14 Q: Today's date's April 25, 2017. The time is approximately 1121 hours. I'm
15 Sergeant Nick Coffin, Fort Lauderdale Police Department. I'm the lead
16 investigator assigned to inquire into allegations made against you. Present
17 with me at this time is Sergeant Ant- Anthony Gnisci, Officer Carl Hannold
18 and FOP Representative Paul Maniates. This statement's being taken at the
19 Office of Internal Affairs at 255 North East Third Street. As a sergeant with
20 the Fort Lauderdale Police Department I can administer an oath. Can you raise
21 your hand? Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
22 truth in this statement?

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24 A: I do.

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26 Q: I will be asking you about allegations made against you concerning violations
27 of Fort Lauderdale Police Department Policy 118E12J, conduct prejudicial to
28 the good order of the Department, and Policy 129.1E Subsection C, Paragraph
29 2, speech involving themselves or other Department personnel reflecting
30 behavior that would be reasonable or considered reckless and irresponsible.
31 The complainant in this investigation is Chief Maglione. In accordance with
32 the Police Officers Bill of Rights you have the right to an attorney or a person
33 of your choosing to be with you at the time and you have selected FOP
34 Representative Paul Maniates to be with you during this statement. You also
35 have reviewed the statements taken thus far. Are you aware of your rights and
36 the allegations made against you?

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38 A: Yes, sir, I am.

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40 Q: Have you had the opportunity to review the statements taken in this
41 investigation?

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43 A: Yes, I have.

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45 Q: This'll be a compelled statement under the authority of the Chief of Police. I

46 now order you to answer the following questions for the record. Please state
47 your full name.
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49 A: Carl Dennis Hannold, Jr.
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51 Q: And how long have you been with the - employed with the City of Fort
52 Lauderdale?
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54 A: July it'll be 27 years.
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56 Q: And what is your present ranking assignment?
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58 A: Patrol Officer assigned to District 1 days.
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60 Q: All right, uh, this investigation's regarding a anonymous email we got from -
61 labels himself a concerned citizen. Um, in this letter they provided three social
62 media posts. Uh, the letter states, "Dear Sir, these posts are not only disturbing
63 but extremely concerning. I will hope that your agency addresses this matter
64 accor-, uh, this matter accordingly. Sincerely, Concerned Citizen." Um, so we
65 weren't able to contact that individual obviously because it was anonymous.
66 Um, and for the sake of order I labeled the three posts that they provided, Post
67 1, 2 and 3. Uh, the first one I want to talk about is, uh, Post 1. Um, it appears
68 to be a, uh, a conversation - actually before we get started on that, is it, uh, if
69 someone was to go on your social media account and look at your posts and
70 pictures and the things that you generally put on there, is it safe to say that
71 they could determine that you are a Fort Lauderdale Police Officer?
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73 A: Uh, not at th- this point, no, sir.
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75 Q: At the time during that this complaint came in do you think that...
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77 A: Possibly, yes, sir.
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79 Q: Okay. Um, the first Post is, uh, is a conversation, um, that appears to be from -
80 between you and, uh, (Tony) (Magnanti), um, now are - are you familiar with
81 Mr. (Magnanti)?
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83 A: Yes, I worked with him in the Street Narcotics Unit, um, I also trained him.
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85 Q: Okay and when you worked with him in Street Narcotics Unit that was when
86 he was a, um, City of Fort Lauderdale Police Officer?
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88 A: Yes, sir he was a detective with, uh, SID.
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90 Q: Okay. Um, do you recall this conversation that you had?

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92 A: I do.

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94 Q: Okay. Can you tell me what the conversation was about?

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96 A: Uh, it was in reference to a, uh, conversation I had with security officers at
97 Universal.

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99 Q: Okay so this post is in relation to the other posts?

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101 A: Yes, sir.

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103 Q: Okay. Um, can you elaborate a little bit more I mean this was going - this was,
104 uh - uh, back and forth between you and him like this?

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106 A: No, it wasn't exactly a back and forth. He made a comment and I made a
107 comment back to him using a military term or a quote from a company that I
108 deal with, um, which is sometimes violence is the answer. Um, I mean to
109 explain it the best I would have to start at the beginning which would start on
110 I'm not sure which - which post - the post with the - that one right there Post 2
111 cause the- they're intertwined.

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113 Q: Okay. Um, but for the record let me - let me read this so we know what we're
114 talking about. So we're referring to Post 2 where it has Carl D. Hannold, Jr. -
115 Islands of Adventure at the top is the title and, um, then it says, "So Universal
116 Security made me walk back to my jeep because of my monkey fist key chain.
117 When I returned the same security line the guy jokingly asked if I had any
118 other strings or anything on me so I told him that if I wanted him dead I would
119 just kill him with his own pen. His buddy asked how would you do that so I
120 snatched his pen from his pocket and put it a half inch from his eye. I handed
121 the pen back to him and said just like that. Then I told him that if I wanted a
122 knife I could get it at any food service area in the kitchen. And if I wanted a
123 gun I would just walk up and kill the first cop I see and take his gun. Their
124 eyes got real big but I told them of course I was speaking hypothetically. I
125 probably will have a security team watching me for the rest of the day laugh
126 out loud." Um, so this is the post that you're saying...

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128 A: Correct.

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130 Q: ...he's making reference to in this one?

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132 A: That's, yes, sir.

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134 Q: All right so can you elaborate and tell me...

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136 A: Absolutely, um, so I get to the, uh, park with my family, um, the monkey fist
137 they took issue with it, um, so they said you could throw it away. I said, I'll
138 take it back to the car. So I took it back to the car. When I come back, um, the
139 security guards they had seen my badge and everything when I went through
140 the magnetometer you had to put it through just like the airport so they knew I
141 was an officer. They apologized for the hassle. They started conversation with
142 me. And as you read it - it's kind - I can see how it would be easy to take out
143 of context totally not that context. And that's why when you contact Universal
144 there was no report they let me into the park they didn't call the cops because
145 that wasn't the context it was in. Um, they started a conversation with me
146 jokingly and there were two young guys and, you know, and I explained to
147 'em that if somebody wanted to come into the park and do harm to others
148 they're probably not gonna try to sneak something through security, like,
149 especially a keychain. And, you know, so I told 'em, you know, really if I
150 wanted to hurt you I could kill you with your pen. And so they were
151 inquisitive so just like I would demonstrate on one of you when I was in
152 training I demonstrated how I would take the pen and where I would put it.
153 And I handed it back to 'em and they're, like, wow. So and I started telling
154 'em some of the other problems with their security and just, you know, I
155 understand what they're trying to do but in the park if you want a blade the
156 kitchen's gonna have blade cause they do chicken on salads they gotta cut the
157 chicken so I know where I can find a blade. And if I'm really a bad guy if I
158 wanna get a gun I just go up to a cop and take it. So it was in an instructional
159 conversation. It was a nice conversation. It wasn't a adverse, you know, it
160 wasn't adver-, you know, I wasn't the enemy, you know, threatening them or
161 anything like that. We continued talking. We talked about the chains that they
162 use in the - the walkways that unsecured where those chains could be used
163 they're pretty heavy gauge could be used as a weapon as well. You know, and
164 I said, a little ridiculous worrying about a small little keychain. They agreed
165 and when we were done we shook hands they said thanks for what you do. I
166 said thanks for what you guys do and they said have a good day. I went back
167 in the park and I met with my family. Clearly if it was adversarial and in the
168 context that it was somewhat (unintelligible) they wouldn't've let me in the
169 park. They would've contacted SO, they would've came over they would've
170 escorted me out of the park and they would've banned me from the park. That
171 wasn't the case and that's why when you contacted Universal there's no - no
172 mention of the matter because it was a non-matter.

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174 Q: Okay. Um, so when you had the discussion - the conversation with Mr.
175 (Magnanti), um, you felt that he took it that it was a confrontational way I
176 mean based on his comment?

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178 A: (Tony) - (Tony)'s a former Marine just like myself. Um, during the election
179 we would go back and forth about different things, you know, world things
180 we'd go back and forth with different things. So when he hit me with that, you

181 know, jokingly I knew he was joking cause he knows that I've done nothing
182 but protect others since I was 17 years old when I joined the Marine Corp and
183 then when I came here straight from the Marine Corp I've done nothing but
184 protect others so I'm not a threat to others. Um, so jokingly he said that and I
185 jokingly came back with a military quote or quote from the company I deal
186 with that sometimes violence is the answer. Clearly I didn't mean any harm to
187 the security guards 'cause if I did I would've hurt 'em.
188

189 Q: Okay. Uh, and I can understand how, you know, a snidbit of a conversation
190 can be taken completely out of context and we're only looking at two lines
191 that are clearly more in this conversation than - than that. But do you feel that
192 even in a joking manner with something so serious as, like, workplace
193 violence and - and such that this was an appropriate venue to - to even joke
194 about something like this?
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196 A: It was a hypothetical and it was an instructional thing where I was in-
197 forming the security guards of some of the security protocols that they might
198 want to look into and I didn't think it was a problem.
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200 Q: Okay. I wasn't even referring to this I was referring to specifically to
201 sometimes violence is the answer.
202

203 A: To sometimes violence is the answer, um...
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205 Q: On - on specially when he's saying EAP which, you know, we know that it is
206 Employee Assistance Program to - to try to get ahead of somebody that's
207 either in a - a stressful or potential mental breakdown state. I mean this is - it's
208 one of those assistance programs where they can go and talk to somebody.
209 Um, so I mean unless I'm understanding this wrong time to check out that
210 EAP stuff and your answer...
211

212 A: Right.
213

214 Q: ...sometimes violence which I understand was a joke and taken out of context
215 but I mean do you feel that if another person were to read you know just that
216 part or even read the whole conversation that they would get that you were
217 joking out of this?
218

219 A: Any of my friends or anybody that's allowed to see my posts on Facebook
220 know me well enough to know that - that was a joke. Um, the timing of this
221 post being seriously showing up in Internal Affairs with my exit of the unit
222 and the rumor around the mill that I possibly gonna make a complaint on
223 Captain Dietrich, you know, it - it's a little weird if you ask me, but
224 nevertheless, I have no proof of that. But everybody on my Facebook knows
225 me well enough because I only friend people that I know that - that's not

226 anything other but a joke. So I had no problem with posting it as a joke to my
227 Marine Corp buddy and former SID partner (Tony) (Magnanti). And he joked
228 with me. I joked back with him. And I - I have no issue with that.
229

230 Q: Now I'm not familiar with Facebook I - I don't have it and I've never had it so
231 explain to me so if I have a conversation with somebody and you said your -
232 your back then your site was private.
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234 A: It is a private site and only friends can see my posts.
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236 Q: Like, friends that you allow on now what about friends that they have can they
237 see your posts too?
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239 A: On my site friends of friends cannot see my posts.
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241 Q: So only the people that you befriended.
242

243 A: Unless they would copy that post and post it themselves.
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245 Q: And how would they copy it? How would they see if it...
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247 A: Uh, it's like you would copy anything on a computer I guess I've never done
248 it but I - I assume you can copy it like you copy anything on a computer.
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250 Q: But how could you see it if it was only - you're saying if one of your friends
251 copied it and reposted it, is that what you're saying?
252

253 A: Yeah, if they copied it...
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255 Q: Oh...
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257 A: ...and reposted then their friends would be able to see it on their site. But no-
258 none of their friends would be able to see it via my site...
259

260 Q: Okay.
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262 A: ...because I do have it restricted.
263

264 Q: And how many friends or how many followers whatever - whatever the term
265 is do you have on your site?
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267 A: I have no idea, I'm sorry - I'm sorry.
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269 Q: That's okay. Um, what timeframe was this all on cause I don't have a
270 timestamp for these two? I mean when - when did you go to Universal?

271
272 A: When did this happen?
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274 Q: Yes.
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276 A: This happened in early January.
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278 Q: Of this year?
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280 A: Yeah...
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282 Q: Okay.
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284 A: ...that's why it's kind of odd that it showed up at the time it did.
285
286 Q: Okay. Um, now the - the part where you discussed, um, killing a cop and, uh,
287 you know, that if - if you wanted a gun that you could walk up to the first cop
288 and kill him and take his gun. Now we kinda already talked about it before but
289 given the fact that you can see that you're a police officer on your sites do you
290 think that - that can be misconstrued that - that they didn't think that you were
291 just talking instructionally?
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293 A: No, they - they - they got the drift or they wouldn't've let me in the park. Um,
294 it was in...
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296 Q: When you say they you're talking about...
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298 A: The security guards.
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300 Q: ...I'm talking about people that can - can read this post. I mean cause clearly
301 somebody...
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303 A: It's possible - clearly...
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305 Q: ...somebody was concerned.
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307 A: ...clearly somebody is concerned about it or...
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309 Q: Or whatever the motives are but...
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311 A: ...somewhat, yeah, whatever their motives are.
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313 Q: ...but what we know right now they're concerned.
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315 A: But the - the conversation with security it was a hypothetical if I was a bad

316 guy and I wanted to get weapons this is what I would do. And it was an
317 instructional conversation and we smiled and shook hands and went our
318 separate ways thanking each other for our - and, yeah, could my words be
319 taken out of context but sure anybody's words can be taken out of context.
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321 Q: I mean do you think it would be taken out of context if your words are
322 exactly, "If I wanted a gun I would just walk up to a cop and - and kill him
323 and take his gun." I mean do you think that - that...
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325 A: Well think about Sarge if you're saying that everybody on the site which
326 everybody on my site does know who I am and know that I'm a cop they
327 know that I don't mean any other cop harm. So they know it's a hypothetical
328 situation a hypothetical statement. Now if you were to copy it or post it on
329 your site and people that don't know Carl Hannold saw it, yeah, they could
330 take it way out of context. But anybody on my site that has access to my site
331 whether they're my private students from my private company or any of my
332 friends they know me well enough to know that's a hypothetical and I didn't
333 mean any harm to anybody.
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335 Q: Okay. Would it be safe to say that your followers is made up of both - cause it
336 is mixed with your business both civilians and law enforcement...
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338 A: Yes.
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340 Q: ...and military and so - how do you think a regular citizen would feel if they
341 read this, like, what do you think that their perception would be that you
342 didn't...
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344 A: That didn't know me.
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346 Q: ...that - or that followed your site or maybe didn't know you do you think that
347 they would be...
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349 A: Well if they didn't know me they wouldn't be able to follow my site.
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351 Q: Okay.
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353 A: So any of my - any of the civilians on my site they would know better.
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355 Q: Okay. But, like, you said, like, you can take pictures and - and repost them I
356 mean that...
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358 A: I, yeah, I can't control that...
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360 Q: ...that is possible, right?

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362 A: ...correct.
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364 Q: Okay. You work, uh, you work some details, right?
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366 A: Yes, sir I do.
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368 Q: You work, uh, with Beach (unintelligible) you worked that for years?
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370 A: Um, for a couple years now, yes, sir.
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372 Q: What if I took this exact incident and, um, say you were working security at -
373 at a - at Hooters or one of the beach place details and you told somebody to go
374 put something back in their car and they came back you let 'em in and when
375 they come in they start writing on their, uh, post that if they wanted a gun that
376 they could - could - the detail officers gonna kill him and - and take his gun if
377 they wanted to do violence.
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379 A: And...
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381 Q: How - how would you feel about...
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383 A: ...and they posted that to whom?
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385 Q: ...to, uh, their social media account.
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387 A: To their social media and who are they?
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389 Q: A patron.
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391 A: Okay, they're a patron, they're still not Carl Hannold. They're still not Carl
392 Hannold, the US Marine, the 27 years' veteran of police, if they were those
393 then their friends would know better they didn't mean the officer working the
394 detail any harm. But if it's just Joe (Smuckatelli) that's not Carl Hannold, I
395 could see where maybe their friends might see issue with it. Understand what
396 I'm saying Sarge?
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398 Q: I do. Um, but we - we, uh, are we in agreement saying that we can't control
399 once we put something on social media we can't completely control who sees
400 it, who doesn't see it?
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402 A: To the point where we can control who sees it on - off our site, correct.
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404 Q: But once it's out there it's, you know...
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406 A: Right.
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408 Q: ...we can't control if somebody reposts it or something like that.
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410 A: I can't, right, I can't control that.
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412 Q: The only way we control that is obviously by not posting something.
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414 A: Yes, sir.
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416 Q: All right on this, uh, on this third post, um, this is the only one that's actually
417 time stamped and it says March 3rd, 2106 hours so 9:06, um, do you recall
418 this day?
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420 A: Um, somewhat, vaguely.
421
422 Q: Um, now it says that it took you forever to get from the PD to the beach place
423 we just talk about so were you working a detail?
424
425 A: I was going to a detail, correct.
426
427 Q: Like, just so you know in case you haven't look at it March 3rd is a Friday. So
428 you generally...
429
430 A: No, I was - I was going to a detail.
431
432 Q: Okay. Um, tell me about it like what was - what - what prompted this thing
433 first of all.
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435 A: There was a protest in the middle of the street and they blocked Brow- all of
436 Broward and all of Federal...
437
438 Q: Okay.
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440 A: ...and parts of Los Olas.
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442 Q: Okay and that - that frustrated you?
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444 A: It frustrated me a little bit but what was most frustrating is when I got to my
445 detail the questions from citizens and business owners and managers from
446 businesses asking me why we allow it to happen.
447
448 Q: Okay so and that prompted you to what to vent your frustrations on social
449 media?
450

451 A: Yeah, sometimes I vent and that's pretty much all that is - is me venting, uh,
452 cause it was very, you know, unfortunately the decisions are made above my
453 pay grade they don't have to answer for 'em. Um, the guys out there in the
454 road they get all the questions from people, they're the ones that have to
455 answer for it.

456
457 Q: Who were you talking about when you said, "These ridiculous decisions that
458 are made way above my pay grade," who are you referring to?

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460 A: I don't know who made those decisions.

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462 Q: I mean would it be a - a sergeant or I mean higher I mean...

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464 A: It could be higher it could be a civilian I - I don't know who made that
465 decision to allow that to happen.

466
467 Q: Okay and do you believe that...

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469 A: It could've been the governor, it could've - it could've been the President of
470 the United States for all I know. I don't know - I don't know who made that
471 decision.

472
473 Q: Okay. I mean cause you talk about specifically taxpayers and businesses and
474 the City so I thought you were referring to the (unintelligible)...

475
476 A: Well cause it occurred in the City.

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478 Q: Okay.

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480 A: It occurred in the City so the people that would've been influenced or struck
481 by it would be most likely the people that are in our City.

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483 Q: And do you believe it was condone lawlessness?

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485 A: Well it was allowed so silence is cond-, you know, consent.

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487 Q: When you, uh, when you saw this, uh, protest going on was it, uh, were there
488 other - were they being escorted did - did this look like a planned protest? I
489 mean were there motors and mounted and other officers there that...

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491 A: There - there were motors and there were other officers there. I don't know if
492 it was a planned event or just a show up event but, um, the officers were
493 blocking intersections and allowing them to have the road.

494
495 Q: Okay and controlling the situation?

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497 A: To the point of allowing them to break the law by blocking the road, yes, sir.
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499 Q: Okay. Um, if that same question were posted to you during, like, you work the
500 beach now, right?
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502 A: I do.
503
504 Q: So if you went to an HOA on the beach and, you know, one of the citizens
505 were complaining about, um, them blocking the traffic and you were in
506 uniform and you gave this exact response, um, to an HOA do - do you think
507 that would be an appropriate response?
508
509 A: I wouldn't given - I wouldn't have given that exact response in uniform, I
510 woulda told them to call a supervisor.
511
512 Q: But don't you feel that this is kinda the same thing as saying it in uniform
513 since we've already kinda determined that from your site we can tell that
514 you're a police officer, we can tell that you're military and do you think that
515 there's a similarity?
516
517 A: I guess there's a similarity but there's really no residence from Fort
518 Lauderdale that are on my site other than the cops so.
519
520 Q: Okay.
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522 A: It wouldn't've been an open forum, like, a HOA meeting.
523
524 Q: Okay. All right I don't think I have anything else. You got anything? Would
525 you like to add anything?
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527 A: No.
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529 Q: When you - when you read this does it, uh, appear to be confrontational?
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531 A: Which one?
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533 Q: Well any of 'em.
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535 A: Well when...
536
537 Q: This one...
538
539 A: ...I read it I know the context I wanted to write it and it wasn't a
540 confrontational, uh, statement. Um, like, I said I can see where somebody

would read it and take it out of context because it doesn't have all what happened with those security guards. But when I wrote it wasn't confrontational.

Q: Okay. You had said a comment before that they can't see it now. So what - what have you changed your - your social media account to now that it's completely private or...

A: Well it's always been private - it's always been private but it's not under Carl Hannold no longer and there are no pictures or any ties to Fort Lauderdale on my site.

Q: Okay. Um, now so it's completely private so you said it's always completely private but you changed the name and took down the insignias or stuff like the pictures so...

A: Yeah, there's no - no pictures of me with any ties to Fort Lauderdale.

Q: Okay, um...

A: But it's always been a private site.

Q: As private as social media can be.

A: You can make it.

Q: Okay. I don't have anything further. Would you like to add anything?

A1: I have nothing to add to.

A: No, sir.

Q: All right that'll conclude this in- interview it's approximately 11:42.

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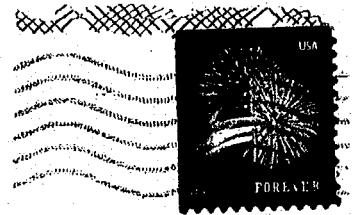
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Screenshots of Officer Hannold's social media post

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Carl D. Hannold Jr. at Islands of Adventure

So Universal Security made me walk back to my Jeep, because of my Monkey Fist key chain. When I returned to the same security line the guys jokingly asked if I had any other strings or anything on me. So I told him that if I wanted him dead I would just kill him with his own pen. His buddy asked how you would do that, so I snatched his pen from his pocket and put it a half inch from his eye. I handed the pen back and said 'Just like that'. Then I told them that if I wanted a knife, I could get one at any of the food service areas in the kitchen. And if I wanted a gun, I would just walk up and kill the first cop I see, and take his gun. Their eyes got real big, but I told them that of course I was speaking hypothetically. I probably will have a security team watching me the rest of the day! Lol





Search



Tony Magnanti

Time to check out that good time
EAP stuff brother.



Carl D. Hannold Jr.

Sometimes violence is the
answer!



Tony Magnanti

violence has solved every

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**Carl D. Hannold Jr.**

So it took me for ever to get from the PD to Beach Place, do to the condoned lawlessness of protesters blocking Broward Blvd and US1. What a disservice to the tax paying businesses, residents and visitors! I've got people asking me why we allow this illegal activity. I'm embarrassed and can only apologize that those ridiculous decisions are made way above my pay grade. All the businesses should get together and file suit for lost revenues!



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